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SUBJECT: TURKISH STATEMENT RE PAPAVER BRACTEATUM

1. THE FOLLOWING IS EXTRACTED FROM A STATEMENT MADE BY THE
TURKISH DELEGATION TO THE UN COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS ON
FEBRUARY 18.

2. QUOTE. IT IS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD FROM THE STUDY OF THESE
PARAGRAPHS AND VARIOUS STATEMENTS THAT AT PRESENT THE WORLD IS
RUNNING THE RISK OF AN OVERPRODUCTION OF RAW MATERIALS FOR THE
LICIT MANUFACTURE OF CODEINE. THIS OVERPRODUCTION WILL BE EVEN
MORE ACUTE WITH AN EVENTUAL CULTIVATION OF PAPAVER BRACTEATUM IN
SOME COUNTRIES FOR THE EXTRACTION OF CODEINE OUT OF THEBAINE. IT
IS OF AN UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO MAINTAIN A CAREFUL WORLD-WIDE
BALANCE BETWEEN SUPPLY OF AND REQUIREMENT FOR NARCOTIC RAW
MATERIALS NEEDED FOR MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES. IT IS EVEN
MORE SO IN VIEW OF THE INEVITABLE IMPACT OF OVER SUPPLY ON ILLICIT
USE OF NARCOTICS. IT IS NOW A WELL KNOWN FACT THAT IN THE PAST
FEW YEARS THERE WAS A CONTINUING SPECULATION SPREAD BY SOME
CIRCLES AS TO THE NON-AVAILABILITY OF RAW MATERIALS. THESE SPECU-
LATIONS AS WE ALL KNOW TODAY HAVE PROVEN TO BE GREATLY UNJUSTI-
FIED. IT IS NOW UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE EXIST AT PRESENT SOME MOVES
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IN THE UNITED STATES TOWARDS STARTING THE PRODUCTION OF NARCOTICS
RAW MATERIAL NAMED PAPAVER BRACTEATUM WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY
RENDER THIS SITUATION EVEN MORE SERIOUS. IF THIS BECOMES A
REALITY THE WORLD PRICES WILL CERTAINLY FALL AND THE ECONOMICAL
INTERESTS OF THE TRADITIONALLY AND LEGALLY PRODUCING COUNTRIES
WILL CONSEQUENTLY BE AFFECTED. FURTHERMORE WHEREAS THE PAPAVER
SOMNIFERUM AND OPIUM ARE UNDER TREADY CONTROL, APART FROM THEBAINE

AND SOME OTHER DERIVATIVES PAPAVER BRACTEATUM ITSELF IS NOT COVERED BY ANY TREATY. THE COUNTRY WHICH WILL START THE CULTIVATION OF RAW MATERIAL FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF OPIATES WITHOUT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE PREVAILING OVERPRODUCTION IN THE WORLD WILL CERTAINLY BE NOT TOO CONSISTENT WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL TREATIES. FURTHERMORE IF THE UNITED STATES WOULD JOIN THE PRODUCERS' RANK, ANY ACTION ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES ON NARCOTIC CONTROL WOULD BE CONSTRUED AS MOTIVATED BY COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS. I DO NOT NEED TO STRESS THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS THAT SUCH A FEELING MIGHT HAVE ON INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS IN THIS RESPECT. WHEN A WEALTHY COUNTRY IS TO RESORT TO AN ACTION WHICH CAN NOT BUT BE CONSIDERED AS BEING MOTIVATED BY PURELY COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH VERY LIMITED RESOURCES WILL HAVE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES IN JUSTIFYING TO THEIR PUBLIC OPINIONS THE SACRIFICES THEY HAVE BEEN MAKING FROM THEIR ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO A HUMANITARIAN CAUSE FURTHERMORE WE BELIEVE THAT NO ONE CAN BE HELD RESPONSIBLE BUT THE COUNTRY WHICH MAY START THE PRODUCTION OF NARCOTICS RAW MATERIAL ITSELF FOR THE UNDERSIRABLE CONSEQUENCES AND ADVERSE EFFECTS BOTH IN TERMS OF THE ENFORCEMENT AND CONTROL PROBLEM WHICH THIS MAY PRESENT. WE HAVE THEREFORE WELCOMED THE STATEMENT OF THE DISTINGUISHED DELEGATE OF THE UNITED STATES, IN WHICH SHE ASSURED US THAT, COMMENTS MADE IN THIS DEBATE BY VARIOUS DELEGATIONS ON THE SUBJECT WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF US RELEVANT AUTHORITIES BEFORE A FINAL DECISION IS ADOPTED. IT IS OUR EARNEST HOPE THAT THESE VIEWS AND SINCERE CONCERN EXPRESSED HERE WILL BE DULY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. END QUOTE.

3. SPEAKING ON THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
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EMPHASIZED TO THE COMMISSION THAT THE U.S. HAD NOT REACHED A DECISION ON DOMESTIC CULTIVATION OF BRACTEATUM. SHE PROMISED THAT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE STUDIED WITH THE MOST CAREFUL ATTENTION.

4. DETAILS OF CND DISCUSSION THIS ISSUE FOLLOW. CATTO

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